

## The Watchman and Southron.

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## POSTAL DIRECTORY.

The Money Order Delivery is Open every day during the week, from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. Southern and Northern Mails close 7:30 P. M. Both Mails Open 8 A. M.

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Arrivals and Departures of County Mails.

Bishopville Mails arrive on Monday's Wednesday's and Fridays, 12 M., and leave 1 P. M. same days.

Smithville and Providence Mails arrive on Mondays, Wednesday's and Fridays, at 12 M., and leave 2 P. M. the same days.

J. N. A. WHITTEMORE, P. M.

LEONARD W. CORBETT, Assistant P. M.

Rev. F. C. Hickson preached an admirable sermon in the Baptist Church on Sunday night.

The County Sunday School Convention meets in the Baptist Church on Friday next at 11 A. M.

The examination of teachers for our County Schools is going on at the School Commissioners' office.

Mr. T. C. Scaffie has put down two pumps on the streets for public use at the instigation of some of our citizens.

There is some talk about having a tower built for the new Town Bell back of the Court House.

A colored man was heard to say yesterday on the streets "that he just as he die trying to steal something to eat, as to die any other way."

The idea is growing that a competent female teacher is entitled to the same compensation that a male teacher of similar grade receives. Why not?

Two of our able-bodied citizens were up before the Town Authorities yesterday for sundry misdemeanors. The result was \$3.00 in the treasury. It don't pay to swear or lie drunken in the streets.

We are under renewed obligations to Mr. A. A. Solomon for valuable New York papers. Among others he sends "The Telegram," issued from the Herald office, the net proceeds of which are a thousand dollars per week.

There were several immigrants on our streets last Saturday night, and by the amount of tramping that was done, they seemed disposed to know something of our little burg before leaving it.

As will be seen by the notice, Prof. Agostini who has opened a dancing school at Music Hall, will give a Soiree on Thursday evening to which the ladies and gentlemen of Sumter are invited. The Wilmington Review says of him: Prof. Agostini is a perfect gentleman and a thorough teacher.

**New Advertisements.**

We want to call your attention to the new cards which appear in this issue. H. Schwerin shows up a number one hand, and seems to be in earnest about what he says. Mr. John Reid also comes to the front in an amiable way. We learn that the ladies are flocking to his store, and we do not ensure them for doing so. Suppose you give him a twist also.

Harley Bros. have on hand fine Horses, prime Timothy Hay, a full line of Buggies and Wagons, and also Harness for same. They are expecting arrivals of Hay, Corn and Oats by the Car load.

Read the advertisement of "The New Grocery," by Spahn and Russell and act accordingly.

**Deaths.**

Samuel LaCote, of Mayesville, died on the 7th inst.

Joseph Miller, of Providence, lost his wife last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. K. Bell of Manning died on the 7th inst.

Hiram Seymour, an old citizen of Concord, died on last Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Baker, of Swimming Pans, lost a child on the 8th inst.

Mrs. E. C. Horton, of Manning, died on the 6th inst.

Mrs. Elizabeth Josey, of Mannville, died on last Tuesday.

For the past week four colored people have died in this vicinity.

**Theft.**

Last Sunday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock a colored man entered the bed-chamber of Mrs. J. T. Solomons, and stole her fine gold watch off the bureau. The first thing the scoundrel did after he got into the room, was to push the wick of the candle down into the melted tallow, thus extinguishing the flame. The thief, upon procuring the watch, started for the window where he came in at, and in going around the bed his foot struck against something which woke Mrs. Solomons whereupon she began screaming, to prevent which the negro grabbed hold of Mrs. Solomons' foot to scare her into silence, but she continued to give the alarm of distress and the negro let go his hold and made his escape through the window.

**School House Burned.**

The fire seem to be raging foot-loose in Mayesville. On Monday night of last week the school house erected by private funds for the use of Rev. M. L. Ball, was burned to the ground. A building on the same spot, erected for the same purpose, was burned some months ago. The present building was partly insured.

We are at a loss to know what this destruction means. If the building had been gutted up for evil purposes, there might be a shadow of excuse. But as the matter stands, it is truly enigmatical.

We learn that the parties concerned are willing to pay five hundred dollars for proof to convict the guilty party, and also that they intend now to erect a house that cannot be burned down.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Filed in the office of Register of Mease Conveyance for Sumter County, from the 2d to the 10th of September 1881:

Guignard Richardson, Master, to Thos. R. Harney. Deed to lot of 6 acres in the town of Sumter, \$54.

Guignard Richardson, Master, to Thos. R. Harney. Deed to lot in the town of Sumter, known as the Tan Yard, supposed to contain 3 acres, \$120.

John C. Muldrow to John M. Player. Deed to 100 acres situate on the West side of Hope Swamp, \$1060.

Yesterday there was an election in the town of Union to decide by ballot whether bar-rooms would be licensed. We have not heard the result.

A Newberry man wishing to re-construct the tissue ball patent has gone to Washington to secure a patent on a fraud preventing ball-bowling.

The farmers, merchants and tax-payers of Anderson County, will meet to-day for the purpose of discussing the situation and uniting upon such course as may be deemed best under the circumstances, to get clear of debt, and be ready to start anew next year.

Arrangements are being made for a prize fight between John L. Sullivan, of Boston, and Paddy Ryan, of Troy, for \$5,000. It is not to take place for some months.

## THE PRESIDENT.

His condition has not been so good during the past few days, but the dispatches of yesterday say the bad symptoms have decreased, and he is resting a good deal better.

## OUR WILMINGTON CARDS.

We invite the attention of our readers to the cards of Wilmington business houses to be found in our paper, and take pleasure in saying that we have personally known the proprietors of nearly all of them for a long time, and have found them pleasant gentlemen, and upright business men.

Those who want anything in the Hardware and Iron line will find it at the store of

NATHANIEL JACOBI,

No. 10 South Front Street. He sells at wholesale and retail, and has the Agency of the Manufacturers of Cooking and Heating Stoves, Sash, Doors, and Blinds and Paints and Oils. A full line of French and American Window Glass, of all sizes, will also be found there.

Those who have anything to sell or want to buy anything will find their man in

D. L. GORE,

Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant, Nos. 2 and 3 South Water Street. He deals in Cotton, Naval Stores, Peanuts &c., on commission, and keeps a large stock of groceries.

There are, no doubt, many old established households in need of refurbishing, as well as some new beginners who want to know where they can do the best for themselves.

PARKER & TAYLOR,

19 South Front Street, can supply anything from a Cooking Stove to a bird-cage. Tinware they manufacture and sell at wholesale as well as retail, and almost anything wanted, in the Housefurnishing line, you can safely order from them.

H. BRUNHILD & BRO.,

known to all our merchants as wholesale dealers in Liquors, Tobacco and Cigars, have lately gone into the Manufacture of Tobacco, of all grades, and are proprietors of the Cape Fear Tobacco Works. Many of our readers will probably be surprised to learn the extent of these works. They give employment to 140 hands, use steam power, and turn out 4500 pounds of tobacco daily.

B. F. MITCHELL & SON have a large stock choice grades of Flour of their own manufacture, Meal, Hominy, and Cracked Corn, also selected seed Oats, Rye and Wheat, all of which they will sell at lowest market prices, guaranteeing quality, and deliver at Railroad free of drayage.

KERCHNER & CALDERBROS.

Cotton Factors and Wholesale Grocers, are prepared at all times to supply in any quantity Bagging, Ties, Twine, Groceries and Provisions. On Consignments of Cotton they make liberal advances and prompt returns. They also deal in the Celebrated Wilson, Childs & Co's Wagons, at manufacturers' prices.

Some of the supposed lost, around Savannah are struggling in with fearful accounts of hair-breadth escapes. This is so much better than being drowned.

The party who accompanied the President, exclusive of railroad attaches, consisted of twenty persons as follows: Mrs. Garfield and their daughter Mollie, Mrs. Bliss, Agnew, Barnes, Woodward and Reburn, Colonel and Mrs. Rockwell and their daughter Lula, General Swain, Colonel Corbin, Private Secretary Brown, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Dr. Edson, C. O. Rockwell and Warren Young. Three colored servants, Daniel Sprigg, Mary White and Elizabeth Outler, also accompanied the party.

**How to Get Sick**

Expose yourself day and night, eat too much without exercise; work to a hard without rest; doctor all the time; take all the vile nostrums advertised; and then you will want to know

**HOW TO GET WELL**

Which is answered in three words—Take Hop Bitters!—Express.

**FEARFUL FOREST FIRES.**

Whole Counties in Michigan Laid Waste.

Five Hundred People Burned to death—Heartrending Scenes and Incidents of the Terrible Conflagration.

Terrible fires raged last week in the woods of Michigan and Canada. The long-continued drought had rendered everything as dry as tinder, and numerous "flashings" of partly-cleared tracks of land, covered with brush, decayed timber and other inflammable materials, afforded the best possible medium for the rapid spread of flames carried by the high winds which prevailed. Sanilac and Huron, counties, lying on the shore of Lake Huron, between Port Huron and Saginaw Bay, were the scenes of the greatest destruction.

The following telegraphic despatch will give some idea of the terrible condition of affairs.

Detroit, September 9.—The loss of life and property is immense. Dead bodies are being brought in from all directions. It is estimated that five hundred human beings have perished and that five thousand are homeless and in want of immediate assistance.

Details continue to come in relative to the destruction by forest fire. Huron and Sanilac Counties have been the principal theatre of destruction and suffering. Eye-witnesses state that darkness and a copper colored sky preceded the approach of the fire. Later the sky changed to a deep red. On Monday afternoon it became so dark that lanterns were necessary for people to find their way. This condition of affairs continued until 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the wind shifted from west to north, cooling the air and bringing a slight relief. In the woods were many scorched and charred bodies which presented a revolting appearance. The high winds that prevailed cut off nearly every avenue of escape, and large burning masses would be lifted bodily and borne along for a great distance. In many instances these burning masses started fires in fresh places. The skill and courage of man seemed impotent to combat with such flames, and the flying people were caught in the traps and roasted. One farmer was ploughing with his oxen a few miles from Sand Beach and perceiving the approaching darkness he started for his house. On reaching home he found that his wife had gone to a neighbor's. He then took two of his children, his eldest daughter taking three others. Before going many rods they found themselves cut off by the flames. The farmer then turned in another direction and escaped with two children. His daughter and the other three children were found next day all in a heap, charred beyond recognition. Up to Wednesday night forty-five bodies had been found within a mile in Paris Township.

Many are missing, most of them Poles. The whole settlement, buildings, fences, shops, &c., were swept clean. In Delaware Township, Delaware County, there is hardly anything left, not one house to the square mile. They were new settlers and had small clearings, and the fire swept them like a hurricane. The shore line has been crowded with human beings, cattle and everything that could get to the water. Eye-witnesses from Forestville say that the utmost confusion prevails. Many could not see; and one man who had lost his all was both blind and crazy and had to be led to the lake.

North of Sanilac the fire on Monday night was terrible, sweeping away almost everything, but it seemed to leave the houses. The people here did not know any fire was near them until it was on them, and they had to run for the lake, and being but a short distance away all reached it safely. A large party of men have gone to bury the dead bodies. In Forest Township many are so blind they had to be led, and many are without food. A number of parties have gone with food, clothing shoes and medicine. More help must come quick, as such suffering will ensue. They have no flour or provisions.

Geo. Ferguson, of White Rock, who has been on the road since Monday, reports that he has seen 116 burned bodies. At one place he saw four wagons bearing eight coffins with one man walking behind all alone. It was his family.

## THE MARKETS.

SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 12, 1881.

**COTTON**—About 300 bales have been sold during the week ending Sept. 12th. The market closed steady. We quote: Good Ordinary 94 to 95; Low Middling 104 to 105; Middling 104 to 105; Good Middling 104 to 11.

**WILMINGTON**, Sep. 10—6 P. M.

**SPIRITS TURPENTINE**—The market was firm at 50 cents per gallon, with sales reported of 150 casks at that price.

**ROBIN**—The market was firm at \$1 97 for Strained and \$2 05 for Good Strained, with sales as offered. Market strong and active for fine rosin on a basis of \$2 50 for K Extra Pale, \$2 75 for M Pale, \$3 00 for N Extra Pale and \$3 25 for W Window Glass.

**CRUDE TURPENTINE**—Market firm at \$3 50 per bbl for Yellow Dip and \$2 80 for Virginia, with sales at quotations; being a reduction of one-fifth in Virginia.

**COTTON**—Market firm at 11 1/2 cents bid for Middling, and 11 1/4 cts asked.

In April last, twenty-four members of Arlington's minstrel were taking Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. It made them happy.

Jay Gould controls \$650,000,000, but he always thumps a watermelon before buying it and insists on down weight when purchasing a pound of sugar.

An infallible remedy for Fever and Ague is Ayer's Ague Cure. Wholly vegetable and containing no quinine, it is harmless and sure.

On Thursday last a Leavenworth woman gave a man an old, battered nickel for rescuing her from drowning. The man says the next time she falls in the water the old nickel get her before he moistens his clothes in another attempt to snatch her right from the brink of the subsequently.

Thousands have been cured of dumb ague, bilious disorders, jaundice, dyspepsia and all diseases of the liver, blood and stomach, when all other remedies have failed, by using Prof. Guilmette's French Liver Pad, which is a quick and permanent cure for those disorders. Ask your druggist for the great remedy, and take no other, and if he does not keep it send \$1.50 in a letter to the French Pad Co., Toledo, O., and receive one by mail postpaid.

August 25.

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**CHEAP GOODS.**

**ALTAMONT MOSES**

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**NORTH,**

**Buying his Stock.**

**HE WILL**

**MOVE**

**ON THE**

**1st September,**

**TO THE**

**Old Popular Stand,**

**N. E. CORNER**

**Main and Liberty Streets.**

**J. THEO. SOLOMONS.**

June 1, 1881.

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**IRON TONIC**

Preparation of Pure Iron, from the most refined and purest materials, associated with the Vegetable Aromatics. It is a Tonic to the system, and a remedy for all diseases of the blood.

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**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**

OF ALL GRADES, IN GREAT VARIETY.

Piece Goods, Cloths, Cassimeres, Cottonades, Jeans, &c.

**HATS, TIES AND SCARFS, SHIRTS, COLLARS.**

HOSIERY, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS AND UNDERWEAR.

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK JUST RECEIVED.

**WE SELL AT LOWEST PRICES.**

THE IMPROVED WHEELER AND WILSON, IMPROVED WEEB, IMPROVED VICTOR, HOWE "B," AND NEW AVERY

**Sewing Machines,**

—ALSO—

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Will save money by calling on us.

**WE SELL A FIRST CLASS ENGINE AND BOILER.**

Satisfaction Guaranteed in Every Purchase. Send for Circulars and Prices.

April 15

**"Earliest Flowers of Spring"**

**DESPORTES & EDMUNDS,**

WRIGHT'S HOTEL BLOCK,

**Columbia, S. C.**

In Store: Beautiful Lawns at 6 1-4 cts.

Beautiful Cambrics at 8 1/2 c.

Beautiful Prints at 6 1/4.

Large Towels at 10 c.

Large Linen Towels at 15 c.

Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, (Beauties) 50 c.

Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs (Marvels) at 25 c.

Ladies' do do (Bargain) at 10 c.

Misses' Sun Hats at 25 c.

A beautiful line of Ladies', Gents' and Children's Hand-sewed Shoes; also the cheaper qualities.

Gents', Youths' and Boys' Hats, Shirts, Hosiery, Neck-Wear, Gloves, Trunks, Valises, Steel Scissors and Needles.

DRESS GOODS in all the novelties of the season—a drive in Black Silks, Trimming Silks and Crepe Cloths and Lace Curtains for Upholstering.

GENTS' CASSIMERES, Cloths, Jeans, Drills, from all the Celebrated factories of America.

We are prepared to sell *Good Goods* as cheaply as any house in the State. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

**Desportes & Edmunds,**

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March 15, 1881.

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Georgia Home of Georgia, and Others, aggregating \$50,000,000 of Assets.

AGENT ALSO FOR

Wilson & Childs' Philadelphia Wagons, McLean & Kendall's Carriage & Buggies.

Wando Fertilizer and Acid Phosphate.

July 29

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THE UNDERTAKING DEPARTMENT, IS FULL AND COMPLETE. COFFINS AND CASKETS of all descriptions and sizes constantly in store at prices ranging—

For Adults—from \$5 to 125.

For Children—from \$3 to 45.

My special personal attention, day by day, is given to this business, in all its departments, and satisfaction guaranteed in every case.

Nov. 19

**WEDGEFIELD BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.**

WITH the view of meeting the demand for Building Lots at Wedgefield, the undersigned has decided to lay out lots about TEN ACRES of land, NEAR THE DEPOT, which will be sold low, and on reasonable terms, to bona fide settlers.

JAS. H. AYCOCK, Wedgefield, S. C.

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Dec. 2

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Sept. 18

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February 10

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**GENERAL BOOKBINDER,**

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